

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1537
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DESILTING OF CANALS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that coast canal in Orissa is heavily silted;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether Government of Orissa have sent any proposal to the Union Government for desilting of the coast canal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have any proposal to redigging the coast canal for irrigation and creation of job opportunities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) and (b) The Government of Orissa has reported about heavy silting of coast canal in Orissa. Orissa coast canal starts from Bengal border and continues upto its confluence point in river Matei. The total length of Orissa Coast Canal is 123.6 km. consisting of 4 reaches i.e. Range-III (14.4 km.), Range-IV A (14 km.), Range-IV B (28.6 km.) and Range-V (66.6 km.). The coast canal had been constructed during 1880- 85 in British period. It had been constructed mainly to provide navigation facilities and also irrigation facilities to 5000 ha. by lift. Except R-III for a length of 14.4 km. rest other reaches have been silted up profusely for a depth of 1.5 m. to 2 m. and not in order. Only Range-III is functioning for both the purposes i.e. navigation as well as irrigation to 600 ha.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.